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11. (U) The Government of Tanzania (GOT) is committed to all issues regarding good governance and would love to see all nations, not just in Africa but all over the world, independent and led democratically, Nelson J. Lyimo, Acting Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Africa Department, told Poloff on January 30. Therefore, Lyimo said Tanzania would likely act in concert with other like-minded AU members in Adis on the African Charter on Democracy, Elections, and Governance. (Comment: While Lyimo did not explicitly say Tanzania would support the draft charter, he strongly suggested it would do so. His immediate supervisor, Director of the Africa Department Mr. Francis Malambu is at the current AU summit with President Kikwete.)

12. (C) Lyimo also said the GOT was very happy with the selection of Ghana's President John Kufuor as AU President. In response to Poloff's comment that this selection was contrary to the idea that it was East Africa's turn to serve, Lyimo said that regional balance was considered, but that it is better for Sudan for the post to go to someone other than a neighbor. Besides, commented Lyimo, this creates an even stronger argument for an East African head of state to fill the post next year. Lyimo said that President Kikwete "had not put himself forward" as a candidate but that he would have served if he had been asked. Regarding Kikwete's interest in serving as AU President next year, Lyimo said there was "no doubt about it." COMMENT: Lyimo characterized the selection of a head of state from outside of East Africa as part of a deal to guarantee an East African would get the post next year and that President Kikwete is the heir apparent.

13. (C) The GOT supported Ethiopia's move into Somalia and understands its interest in getting out as soon as possible. However, the GOT is concerned that a hasty exit by the Ethiopians will create a vacuum and the possibility of creating another Darfur in the region, Lyimo said. The GOT wants the United Nations, not/not the African Union, to step in and fill the vacuum as the UN has the ability to draw on other governments for support as well as its own coffers, and is better organized for such a mission. In response to Poloff asking if the GOT is offering to send troops to Somalia, Lyimo said "we have the will, but need the muscle," adding that the GOT would require financial support and equipment before being able to consider sending troops to Somalia.
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